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'We have a long, long way to go': MLK monument commemorates UD, national history

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At the Martin Luther King Jr. monument, on the farthest chair to the left, rest replicas of King's suit coat and Bible.

While few and simple, the personal effects represent the spirit of a man who acted as a mouthpiece for justice, equality and peace in America.

His presence at the podium, whether it was delivering the "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington D.C. or giving a sermon in his hometown church, was powerful.

UD students may be surprised to know that, while he never stood at the monument podium, Dr. King delivered a speech at the University of Dayton's Frericks Center, formerly the Field House, in November of 1964.

In his speech, Dr. King talked of the end of segregation and how African-Americans were within the reach of freedom.

"Negroes have come a long, long way but we have a long, long way to go," he said.

In the late 1990's, while talking with some women at the UD King Breakfast in mid-January, art history professor Roger Crum, Ph.D., first learned Dr. King had spoken at the University of Dayton.

A member of UD faculty since 1991, Crum was shocked he had never heard about this historic event and was inspired to find a way to commemorate it.

He wanted anyone who stepped foot on campus to recognize the history that had taken place.

"The idea began in a moment of surprise," Crum said about his inspiration for the monument.

Crum then asked professor of art and design Brother Gary Marcinowski, S.M., to head the project.

Brother Gary, a Marianist brother and art enthusiastic since youth, took on the challenge with big plans in mind.

In an interview with Flyer News,



The recently constructed Martin Luther King Jr. monument commemorates King's 1964 speech at the University of Dayton. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

"With the beauty of the monument, people will remember."

—Roger Crum, Ph.D., Professor of Art History

Brother Gary revealed the story behind the construction of the monument.

One of Brother Gary's main concerns was displaying the monument in a place on campus where a steady flow of students would walk. He originally wanted the monument close to the Immaculate Conception Chapel, but he finally settled on the space between two trees on the path between Roesch Library and Albert E. Emanuel Hall.

The team initially planned for it to be a statue, but Brother Gary explained there were already so many statues around campus. He wanted to do something different.

"I wanted a monument that was simple, yet elegant," he stated.

For that reason, he went with a structure of a wall and podium with three chairs.

The monument was going to be situated in the grass off to the side, but the decision to build the monument as part of a pathway allowed for the building of the bench, a place of reflection and rest.

The chairs in the monument are copper with a dark gray patina on them, and the wall, podium and bench are granite. The team could not find any suitable American granite for the monument, so they used black granite from Zimbabwe.

Brother Gary explained he chose white octagon floor panels and ceramic firestone floor because Dr. King had octagonal stones lead-

ing up to his childhood home in Atlanta, Georgia, and the three chairs with King's chair at the far left to represent community and King's humility because he tried to give others a voice, a chance to be the center of attention. It also represents how King often liked a good seat from which to overlook the crowd.

Brother Gary hopes the layout of the pulpit and bench will invite professors to take their classes there to teach and discuss, and students will use the monument as a gathering place to talk about current issues and speak their minds.

"The chair with the suit coat and Bible does not only represent King, but also represents anyone who

goes to the memorial to work," he said. "It should be used as a springboard to bring issues forward."

The monument was erected between mid-July and mid-November of 2015 and named "Give Us This Day Our Daily Quest" in honor of the everyday quest Dr. King journeyed to bring justice to all those oppressed in America.

The final step in completing the monument will be installing a plaque naming all those who helped in the process of constructing the monument. It will read, "M. Gary Marcinowski S.M., sculpture, John V. Clarke, typography, Roger J. Crum, memorial concept."

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WHY BECOME A MARIANIST?

When Brother José Julián Matos-Auffant, SM, joined the faculty at a Marianist school in Puerto Rico, he began sharing daily prayers and fellowship at the Marianist community. He was drawn to “teaching as a sacred calling and to religious life,” he says. “It’s a life that sustains me and helps me grow.”

Brother José is minister of spiritual development at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio.

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Trending

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Have disinformation skills, will travel

Attend a free dinner followed by a discussion and showing of the film “Merchants of Doubt,” which chronicles shady PR tactics used by climate change deniers. 140 Stonemill, Jan. 29, 6:30-9 p.m.
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King Tut’s close shave

Last week, eight employees of a museum in Egypt will be charged with negligence after a failed attempt at reattaching the beard on the 3,300-year-old death mask of the ancient Egyptian King Tutankhamun.
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A new goblin king in town

While it may be too soon to bear, news has surfaced that the 1986 David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly film “Labyrinth” will be rebooted with “Guardians of the Galaxy” co-writer Nicole Perlman.
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Let’s make waking up fun! (Ha. Ha. *sobs*)

Microsoft has released a new alarm clock app that prompts users to play a game in order to disable the alarm. Games range from making faces at the phone camera or typing out complex sentences.
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MONSTER TRUCKS (Need we say more?)

Monster trucks are awesome, and it’s time to experience them up close. MONSTER JAM will be held at Wright State’s Nutter Center. Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$18.
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A different kind of five-second rule, for SPACE

Last week, the space travel company SpaceX released footage of it’s Crew Dragon capsule successfully completing a five-second hover test, in which it used four mounted thrusters to maintain stability.
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You throw like a girl!

Join former NFL player for the Eagles and Oilers Don McPherson for a discussion on everyday gendered language and how it affects our views on men and women. Feb. 1, RecPlex gym, 8:30-9:45 p.m.
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Culture and Crisis

Join the Department of Music in welcoming the Dayton Burundi Dance Troupe, performing a selection of its most well-known works. Seating is limited. Feb. 3, KU Ballroom, 8-9 p.m.
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Paging Balto

During the weekend’s East Coast blizzard, Mount Mitchell, the highest peak in the eastern U.S., experienced a record-breaking snowfall of 66 inches, surpassing the 1993 record of 50 inches.
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The original stuntman

Join the Not-So-Silent-Cinema and the New River Ensemble for a discussion and viewing of the greatest works by Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton, pioneers of cinema. Feb. 5, Sears Recital Hall, 10-11 a.m.
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We consider ourselves to be ‘waterfall half-full’ type of people

The New York state park system has announced it will begin making plans to halt the flow of water on the U.S. side of the Niagara Falls in order to repair two century-old concrete arch bridges.
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Backstage passes available

Join the entire campus community for FaithFest2016, a time for the celebration of our Marianist traditions. Student acts begin at 6 p.m., and Tenth Avenue North performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 6, RecPlex.

*Cover cutout: We’ll see you in the stars, Glenn Frey (L), Alan Rickman (C) and David Bowie (R).
Photos courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.
Chris Santucci / Multimedia Editor

SUSTAINABEAT

12 ways to make sustainable resolutions

JULIA HALL
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Failed New Year's resolutions often become notorious at this time of year, yet choosing to live in a more environmentally friendly manner, especially among the crazy diets and excessive exercise kicks, is an attainable goal. By exerting even minimal efforts, you can change the future of our planet.

1. If you live in a house or apartment, buy local or organic groceries.

Or, if you live in a dorm, use reusable containers at the dining hall.

Meg Maloney, sophomore environmental biology major and co-president of the Sustainability Club, suggested, "A lot of people that are living in houses purchase all their food. So, they can start purchasing things that are organic or locally grown. Dayton has a lot of farmers markets. 2nd Street Market is really close."

"If you are eating in KU, you may not have a choice at where your food comes from, but then you make a choice at how you're packaging it," Leslie King, director of the Rivers Institute, added. "I am glad that KU has composting, but the next step would be bringing your own reusable container. You can have them weigh it when you go in, and have them subtract it when you leave."

2. Use the composting bins.

"Dayton is really efficient at composting. If you live in a house, you can [buy] a mini-composter at like \$20 at Target, then you can bring your compost to KU and they will compost for you," Maloney said. "People in dorms can work on recycling. Also, they are trying to start a pilot program in Marycrest on composting on the living floors, so that residents are more aware of their recycling and composting habits."

3. Ride your bike or walk with your own two feet.

Dayton has several opportunities to explore. Try taking out a Rec-Bike or Link bike to ride to the Art Institute later this semester.

"Bikes. The nice thing is that Dayton is really close, so you can ride your bike there, which is also great for local businesses," Maloney suggested.

4. Drink from a reusable water bottle and coffee mug.

Satisfying your caffeine addiction can still be done without creating more waste.

According to health site SustainableLiving.Solutions, "We have even created an entire island of plastic off the coast of California known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch that is twice the size of Texas! Its pieces outnumber sea life six to one, leading to the death of over

one million sea birds and 100,000 marine mammals annually."

"If it's just a water bottle, then that's step one," King said. "If it's a coffee mug, then that's step two. That's two changes you've made. How many coffee cups less is that in the trash?"

5. Take notes on your laptop. Killing less trees means more oxygen.

Maloney advised "taking notes on your computer or tablets," adding, "White boards in study spaces are great for doing practice problems or thinking through ideas to avoid wasting paper."

6. Lower your thermostat. As you lower the burning of fossil fuels, wear an extra pair of fuzzy socks.

"At roughly 45% of one's total energy bill, household heating and AC systems make up the largest portion of typical household energy use," according to SustainableLiving.Solutions. "Due to this fact, one of the easiest ways to increase energy efficiency and reduce one's carbon footprint is by modifying current heating and AC systems."

"So, what's your thermostat at?" King challenged students. "And what are you wearing? We keep the thermostat at our house at 62. We wear socks. We wear sweaters."

7. Cast your vote wisely. Discover how the presidential candidates plan on creating a better, livable environment for the future of our, the human population's, planet.

Michelle Pautz, Ph.D., Director of the Master of Public Administration Program and an Associate Professor of Political Science, proposed that students look beyond sound bites and Facebook to be an informed citizen and voter.

8. Join in UD community sustainability events and organizations.

Anyone can join the Sustainability Club. If you are a first-year, check out the River Stewards program. Applications are due Feb. 15.

9. Unplug cords when not in use.

Yup, that means your phone charger, lamps and coffee makers still use electricity if they are off but plugged into the wall.

"That may be one of the hardest things on a college campus because you aren't paying your bills...your parents are," King said. "Well, you start thinking, 'Who's paying those costs, whether the financial costs or those environmental injustices around oil consumption in our country?'"

10. Become aware. Be informed. Read books, magazines, scientific journals, newspapers, magazines, etc.

King suggested some reading ma-



Riding the Link bikes around Dayton can be part of an environmentally-conscious lifestyle. Photo courtesy of Laura Estandia, executive director of Bike Miami Valley.

terial to start with: "I love Mother Earth Jones. It is a great magazine. You are seeing some of the most innovated practices around living simply and sustainably. The people highlighted in that magazine are constantly going the next step. For me, that is not only a how-to, but also inspiring."

11. Wash your clothes and dishes with naturally based soaps.

"Phosphorous is super bad for any ecosystem, which comes a lot from dishwashers and washing machines, so you can get naturally-based laundry detergents and soaps," Maloney explained.

12. Take a class. Try the mini-course Living Simply and Sustainably, UDI 324.

Pautz also noted that that almost every department has classes on environmental topics. She referenced Literature of the Environment and Environmental Ethics as two other examples.

"It starts with self-awareness and you start to pay attention to your actions," King stated. "So, maybe you realize you don't turn lights off. Then, maybe when you start to think about the impacts of turning those lights on, then you start changing your behavior."

So, make a resolution you can maintain: live more sustainably. Even if your health kick didn't last, you can still make a change that will extend beyond your health and mental state to help augment the longevity of our natural resources.

For more tips, visit flyernews.com/12-ways-to-make-sustainable-resolutions.

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Father Jack McGrath

Marianist leader and man of humor dies at 81

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Some people stay in your memory even if you've only met them once. It could be their smile, their laugh or their outlook on life. For others, it could be something profound they said or did that lingers with you long afterward.

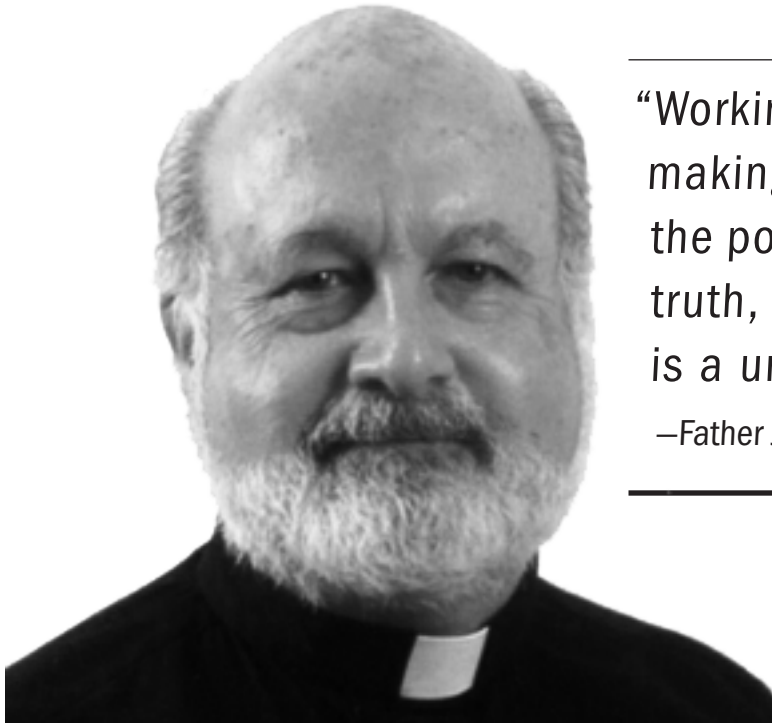
By all accounts, Father Jack McGrath, S.M., who passed away at the age of 81 on Dec. 26, was one such person. Whether it was for two weeks or 60 years, Father Jack left an indelible mark on thousands of people across the globe and the Marianist family.

"Jack loved his work here at UD," wrote the Rev. James Fitz, S.M., the university's vice president for the Office for Mission and Rector, to colleagues and fellow Marianists in an email announcing Father Jack's passing. "Jack's love for the University was reciprocated by many who have expressed their deep affection for him as the news of his illness spread."

Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1935, Father Jack entered the novitiate to become a Marianist brother at the young age of 18 because he was so struck by the personalities of the Marianists he encountered at Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York, according to his obituary from the Marianist headquarters in Rome.

By 1957, Father Jack had obtained a bachelor's degree in philosophy from UD. Soon afterward, he found himself teaching subjects from math to religious studies in Dayton and New York, back at his alma mater. He entered seminary a few years later and was ordained a priest in 1966 at the Marianist seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland.

From that point onward, he served in almost every role pos-



Father McGrath is remembered by friends and family for his sense of humor and thoughtfulness. Photo courtesy of UD Media Relations.

sible throughout the Marianist world, from provincial of the Marianist Province of New York, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' advisory board and the university professor of faith and culture at UD.

"My experience of Father Jack was a person of quiet and deep joy in his work as teacher, as priest and as colleague," said Sandra Yocum, Ph.D., the director of graduate work in religious studies at UD. "Those that knew him can tell you about his laugh--a kind of burst of amusement--or the twinkle that would light up his eyes in talking about something that he enjoyed, whether it be in his theological thinking, his life as a Marianist, his teaching or his seemingly endless marrying of nieces and nephews and baptizing of the ever-expand-

ing McGrath family."

Almost every person writing and commenting after Father Jack's death brought up his sense of humor and mischief. Brother Brian Zampier, who lived with Father Jack for a decade in the Washington Street Community in Dayton, recalled "a classic quote from Jack, as he wagged his finger back and forth, was 'fruit is not dessert!'" according to the official obituary from Rome.

When the University of Dayton posted news of Father Jack's passing on its official Facebook page, the comments section lit up with testimonials to his life and fond memories of time shared together.

"I loved this man with all my heart. He was a wonderful human being who shaped me into who I am today," UD grad Michael Cappuccitti wrote on Facebook.

"Working with students in the process of making life decisions and assisting them from the point of view of opening avenues to reality, truth, values and the human needs around us is a unique role in society."

—Father Jack McGrath, S.M.

"Even though I was never the most religious guy in the room, I always listened to, and did my best to abide by, whatever advice [he'd] give me."

Father Marty Solma, S.M., the provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States, shared a fond memory of Father Jack with Flyer News from a passage he wrote for his funeral.

"In 2011, at the age of 76, we asked Jack to serve as the Assistant Director Supervisor for our District of India," wrote Solma.

"We needed a good mentor for young leadership, someone with experience and with the ability to show, by concrete example, what leadership in the Society of Mary entails. At a time in his life when he could have comfortably reduced his ministry commitments and enjoyed a still-vital life at UD, he said 'yes', as he had done so many times before."

"For three years in India, despite the heat, the inconveniences and the daily diet of rice, he gave generously of himself in the service of this developing unit of the Society of Mary," Solma continued. "Even after his initial stroke, he insisted that India is where he should be. He loved the Indian

brothers and had great hopes for the future of the Society of Mary in this part of the world.

"Because of health concerns, I told him in October that his upcoming trip to India in January would have to be his last. He looked at me and said, in his typical 'harrumph' style, 'I will think about it.' Clearly, the Lord had even better plans for him."

Fitz ended his email to friends and family across the Marianist spectrum with some recent words from Father Jack himself. In reading them, you might remember the words of your favorite professors, colleagues and friends who have altered the course of your life during your time at Dayton:

"Working with students in the process of making life decisions and assisting them from the point of view of opening avenues to reality, truth, values and the human needs around us is a unique role in society. And to be doing such work with competent, human and energetic colleagues broadens the sense of a community in action."

To learn more about Father Jack's life, please visit marianist.com/files/2016/01/McGrath-obit.pdf.

Leadership organization teaches secrets to success

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Last semester, UD brought a new organization to campus, The National Society of Leadership and Success, also known as Sigma Alpha Pi.

Advisor Daria Graham, director of student leadership programs at UD, saw the group as an opportunity to provide students with leadership training that could be utilized through experiential learning.

According to The National Society of Leadership and Success's website, its mission is to "help people discover and achieve their goals. The Society offers life-changing lectures from the nation's leading presenters and a community where

like-minded, success-oriented individuals come together and help one another succeed."

Last semester, The National Society of Leadership and Success at UD made impressive strides. While other universities retain about 50 percent of the original accepted members to active status, the alpha class at UD had 483 members their first semester with over 400 members still active within the first semester, according to the president of UD's chapter, sophomore mechanical engineering major Jackson Mallady.

During the fall semester, there were four live broadcasts pertaining to the topics of leadership and success. Guest speakers included actor Jesse Eisenberg, writer and

pastor John Maxwell, television personality Al Roker and actor John Leguizamo. Broadcasts were open to the entire campus and had such successful turnouts during the fall semester that Mallady believes they may have to move to a larger space for future broadcasts.

Membership in the organization has a number of benefits including the opportunity to form small groups, referred to as Success Networking Teams. These teams, composed of six to nine students, are geared toward setting S.M.A.R.T. goals and holding oneself accountable for meeting these goals throughout the semester. S.M.A.R.T. stands for specific, measureable, attainable, realistic and time-bound.

Membership allows students to join a job bank exclusively through The National Leadership and Success Society's website. Additionally, members have the opportunity to access scholarships through the society, and discounts at places like Target, Men's Warehouse, Princeton Review, Best Buy, Comcast, E-Campus, Dell, HP and AMC. The organization also provides members the chance to work with success coaches from the society.

"Not only has the society taught me to embrace leadership opportunities presented to me at the university, but through it, I have made endless connections with my peers, faculty and other leaders to help with my educational and professional career," said Ellen Krueger,

a sophomore psychology major and member of The National Society of Leadership and Success.

The organization has continued growing, with an induction ceremony approaching Feb. 11 for about 450 new members.

"I hope to see the chapter grow in terms of quality, meaning instead of just bringing this program on from the national society to make it to bring the community of UD into the society, to get it really branded towards service and experiencing leadership roles," Mallady said.

As this organization continues to develop on campus there are tentative plans for social and charity events, as well.

Checking up on UD health and wellness

DANIELLE DAMON
Sophomore, Public Relations

Many New Year's resolutions fall along the lines of health and wellness. Common ideas are to work out more and eat healthier. During the stressful time of college, making health-conscious choices is necessary for students to feel and perform their best in classes and extra-curricular activities.

UD offers many programs and opportunities to help students maintain their health throughout the year.

The Princeton Review ranked UD among the Colleges in America for Best Campus Food and Happiest, and health website Greatist placed UD in the top 25 of America's Healthiest Colleges.

Steve Mueller, Ed.D., assistant vice president of health and wellness and director of the Counseling Center, oversees the subdivisions of Student Development, which includes the Health Center, Counseling Center, Campus Recreation and Community Wellness Services.

"The University of Dayton is investing its money in the right places," Mueller said, as he credits the positive status of health and wellness to the four divisions working as one organized entity alongside the Marianist tradition of educating the whole person.

"In an ideal world, we would have a little more space and more health-care providers, but we do the best we can with what is realistic at the time," Mueller said.

Mueller acknowledged that the Health Center is used to its full potential, but is at capacity in terms of health care providers and space.

Sophomore early childhood education major Cloe Cooperrider had

to wait a week before getting in to see a doctor at the Health Center, due to the lack of available appointments.

"When I was looking to schedule an appointment, there were hardly any times for me to choose from," Cooperrider said. "If students are contagious and unable to get into the Health Center at a reasonable time...[it will affect] the health of others in the UD community."

During the 2014-15 academic years, about 4,400 undergraduates utilized the Health Center. However, Mueller would like to see stu-

take a break from classes and personal life," said second-year management information systems major AJ Pinyerd.

"I did not know UD was ranked in the 25 top healthiest campuses, but I definitely think UD belongs on this list," first-year education major Tyler Dinardo said. "UD's sense of community extends into the rec as everyone encourages each other to utilize the facility."

UDCR is dedicated to keeping up with fitness trends, and Hoying believes UD has a small-school advantage that helps the RecPlex start

witt's new position, the university provides weekly programming regarding alcohol, drugs, stress and other common-campus issues. Dewitt holds "Wellness Wednesdays" and picks a new topic to promote each week, increasing health and wellness education and awareness of campus.

UD Dining Services provides students with local, made-to-order meals. UD Administrative Dietitian Joan Bauman said the top items bought every day include salad, fruit and water.

When first-year music therapy

"Health and wellness is a launching point for personal growth and discovery."

—Sarah Dewitt, Coordinator of Health Education and Wellness Promotion

dents use the Health and Counseling Center's services earlier, so it can better handle situations before they progress.

If the student body continues to increase, the Health Center will be in need of more care providers, but it does not have the space to expand and this poses potential problems.

However, the increase in students would help UD Campus Recreation work toward its goal of maximizing the RecPlex's usage.

The RecPlex had 56,465 student entries during the first month of classes last semester, according to Mark Hoying, assistant director of facility and member services at UDCR.

"The Rec at UD is a great place for students of all backgrounds to

new programs faster than other universities. But UD is at a disadvantage when compared to larger universities such as Ohio State University. The UD RecPlex has one main-campus outdoor facility to use, while according to OSU's website, it has 90 acres, which is something UD cannot provide.

"Old River Park would be an ideal place for a high ropes course or something of that nature," Hoying said, "but we do not have the money to transform the park into its full potential."

Instead of spending money on outdoor recreation facilities, one of the ways the university dedicated resources this academic year was hiring Sarah Dewitt as the first coordinator of health education and wellness promotion. With De-

major Aubrie Hattendorf came to UD, she immediately noticed the many fitness opportunities and healthy food choices. However, Hattendorf also found many non-healthy food options tempting because cookies and candy are always sitting near the check-out or when students first enter the dining hall.

Hattendorf started using the UD NetNutrition guide, an online website provided by the university, to see what options were low calories and best fit her diet. A couple months into school, Hattendorf was able find the right balance, so she is able to enjoy UD's dining halls while maintaining a healthy weight and feeling her best.

"Health and wellness is a launching point for personal growth and discovery," Dewitt said.

KING
(cont. from COVER)

Brother Gary also said he wishes to thank Dr. Curran and Dr. Benson for their support of the project.

"It wouldn't be without them," he said.

However, the Martin Luther King Jr. monument has not received the amount of praise and attention that Brother Gary hoped for.

Crum talked of how, after observing campus tours, he has noticed that tour guides do not usually mention the monument to prospective students. Though, he hopes with better advertisement of the monument, future students will come to know what it represents.

"With the beauty of the monument, people will remember," Crum said.

The university will hold a monument dedication and luncheon in King's honor at the Frerick's Center on Friday, Feb. 12 at 2:15 p.m.

Crum spoke to what King's visit to Dayton represents: "Behind the 'I Have a Dream' speech is the day-to-day reality of what King and his followers did to move the message from town to town. What he was doing at UD is more important than the 'Dream' speech."

With one simple phrase inscribed on the back of the wall, in the bottom left corner, all who lay eyes on the Martin Luther King Jr. monument will read, "Give us this day our daily quest."

Follow @flyernews on Twitter for live updates of the Feb. 12 dedication.

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PORCH PROFILE

The Women of 1528 Brown Street

ERIN OTTESSEN
Porch Correspondent

FN: How did you all meet?

Krisi Harvey: Freshman year! Nicole lived in the opposite wing. OK well, we basically met because my roommate moved out without telling me...

Kathryn Dahlhausen: Shante lived with my best friend from high school for three years.

Shante Eisele: We are actually all kind of awkwardly connected.

FN: If you could give everyone in your house a superlative, what would it be?

SE: I got Best Hair in high school.

KD: Krisi would be the Most Successful. Krisi I can see you being very successful.

KH: It's because I don't take crap from anyone.

Nicole Colarusso: Shante has the Best Smelling Room.

SE: I do have a good smelling room.

NC: I want my house to smell like that.

KH: Nicole has the Best Hair.

SE: It's so silky! I'm Most Likely to Cure Cancer.

KH: That's not even in your field...

SE: Fine. Global warming.

KH: You're Most Likely to Protest about Water. Like a non-violent protest. Like you'd just be in a canoe holding a sign.

NC: Kathryn is Most Likely to be Happy All of the Time. All. The. Time. You don't get stressed.

KH: Nicole is Most Likely to be on "the Bachelor."

NC: I'm Most Likely to be Tweeting Until I Die.

KH: Yeah your kids are going to be like, "Mom, stop! No one uses Twitter anymore!"

FN: What is your most embarrassing moment at UD?

KH: In general or just this year? I have plenty.

SE: Oh I have one, it's kind of gross. I got my wisdom teeth out and when I got back to school, I was still on pain meds. I had to leave class to run to Humanities to throw up so that was a new low.

KH: Mine is when I got sick last March to the point where I was in the hospital... I'm an education major so I think it was from being around children so much but I gave it to Nicole and she had to spend her 21st birthday sick in the hospital.

SE: Krisi and I thought there was a dead animal in our sink but it was just a gross wash cloth someone left there over the summer.

KH: We were screaming and poking it with a stick like, what is this furry



Kathryn Dahlhausen, Shante Eisele, Krisi Harvey and Nicole Colarusso don't want to miss out on any opportunities UD has to offer...especially the free food.
Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

thing?!

FN: If you were all back for your 10-year reunion, what would everyone be up to?

SE: I'd probably still be in school

NC: I'd still probably be crying about lesson plans.

KD: That's assuming we have jobs... hopefully.

KH: Hopefully I'll be teaching in my hometown!

SE: We will all probably be animal hoarders by then.

KH: It'll be like a pet reunion!

NC: My dogs have more friends than I do...

KD: That's sad.

SE: Hey keep your circle small. Not everyone deserves your energy.

FN: What is your spirit animal and why?

KH: I don't want to go with my favorite animal because that's cheating. Plus I don't want to be one.

SE: Yeah, like I want to say I'd go with a sloth but I don't necessarily want to

be one.

KH: I say a koala because I love to sleep and so do koalas. Plus koalas get kind of b----y if they don't sleep. Napping is a sport and I excel.

SE: I'm an owl because owls are very wise. Not to toot my own horn...

KH: What's your GPA?

SE: Owls are subdued and fierce and I'm either really calm or screaming at someone...usually in my head. I'm just imagining what I would say.

KH: Kathryn would be a dove because...I don't know...they're not like gross birds.

KD: (laughing) Thanks!

KH: No like they're delicate! Like the ones in the Bible. Never mind, I don't know. You're not like a squawking bird!

KD: I'm touched...I think.

NC: I want to say unicorn to channel my inner Taylor Swift, but I also want to say a cat.

SE: A unicorn cat?

KH: They sell those unicorn hats for cats at Urban Outfitters.

FN: Do you have any advice for underclassmen?

SE: My biggest piece of advice is to realize the things you do here do matter, but that one test won't ruin your life. I used to get so stressed if I got a grade I wasn't happy with but don't get upset or stressed because it really won't matter. C's still get degrees!

NC: Retweet!

KD: Take advantage of everything at UD.

KH: Like the free food?

KD: Like everything! But really, I always heard of people doing cool stuff through UD so just take advantage of everything.

NC: Like Career Services!

KH: Oh my gosh see Lisa Warren from Career Services! Put that in there – see Lisa Warren! If you don't know what you're doing with your life, she is who you see.

NC: I have two things. On St. Patrick's Day, go out at 4 a.m. Also, you'll always find your niche here even if you don't think you will. You will eventually find a group or click with your roommates.

The friends I have senior year I wish I had freshman or sophomore year... everything gets better in the end.

KH: Education majors – don't wear tight pants. Just don't. It's a big deal. I never did, but I heard people get yelled at for it.

FN: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

KD: Befriend your neighbors if they have washing machines!

KH: Don't join something just because your friend likes it, and don't let your friends limit you. Also, let your friends have other friends and don't let a boy determine your success. Don't rely on a significant other either...because then no one will want to be your friend and you're probably boring.

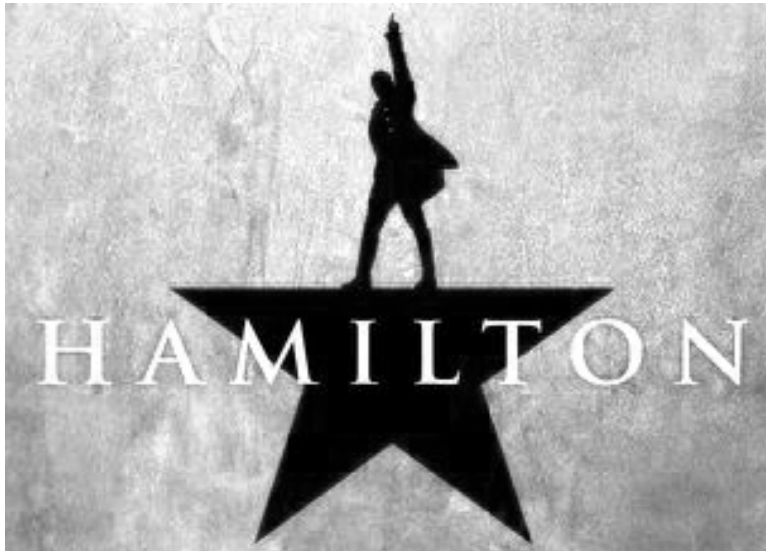
America rewritten: Miranda modernizes, makes history

MARY KATE DORR
A&E Editor

Lin-Manuel Miranda set out to tell the story of how Alexander Hamilton made his mark on history, and, in the process, made a mark for himself as well. Since its premier in August, “Hamilton” has come crashing into the Broadway scene with an unprecedented brilliance leaving audiences, myself included, stunned. The musical is catalyzed by Hamilton’s hunger to influence America through leadership in the American Revolution and his ultimate rise as a political and fiscal genius. Modernized by hip-hop verse, Hamilton’s story is told against a backdrop of war, scandal and passion. Miranda ultimately gives a voice to one of our most often silenced, however prominent, founding fathers.

Miranda familiarized himself with Hamilton years ago on a vacation meant to recover from his 2008 Tony Award-winning musical *In the Heights*. He picked up Ron Chernow’s 2004 biography “Alexander Hamilton,” in which the prose of Hamilton’s story struck Miranda as essentially hip-hop. Consequently, one of America’s most significant political figures was revived for the Broadway stage.

Portrayed by Miranda, Alexander Hamilton’s vision for himself and America is evident from the moment he steps on stage. However, the first words uttered in the show come from his antagonist, Aaron Burr, portrayed by Leslie Odom Jr. “How does a bastard, orphan, son of a whore and a Scotsman, dropped in the middle of a Forgotten spot in the Caribbean by providence/Impoverished, in



‘Hamilton’ is currently sold-out until July 2016 but the production holds a raffle before each performance for two \$10 tickets. Photo courtesy of Vogue.

squalor/Grow up to be a hero and a scholar?” The next two acts are dedicated to answering this very question.

In this opening number titled “Alexander Hamilton,” Burr is joined by elite political figures including George Washington, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, as well as the Schuyler sisters. It is in this initial number that audiences notice a historical discrepancy: the cast is racially diverse. Alexander Hamilton is Latino, George Washington is black and no two Schuyler sisters are of the same ethnicity. In fact, the only white male actor is Jonathan Groff, who takes on the oddly hysterical role of King George III.

In a country known to be founded by white males, this is an attempt to rewrite history and present America for what it truly is: a melting pot. This is a groundbreaking vision for theater casting and production—and a notable reason as to why the musical has received high critical acclaim. In a story that historically

stars white men, Miranda presents a racially diverse cast while simultaneously highlighting the role of women in Hamilton’s journey to the history books. This is a small, yet remarkable, step in ending the deficit of diversity in the arts.

The story itself is one that textbooks have unfortunately minimized to a great extent. Alexander Hamilton, the author of the Federalist papers, a member of Continental Congress and the first secretary of treasury, was once a 19-year-old kid with virtually nothing to his name other than the age-old determination to find success in America. One of the show’s initial numbers, “My Shot,” finds Hamilton grilling future political rival Burr for a means to receive a speedy, yet thorough, education. Just like his country, Hamilton is “young, scrappy and hungry” and eager to earn an education and participate in the American Revolution. His dreams soon become a reality as he works alongside George Washington, portrayed by

Christopher Jackson, and their relationship manifests the skill that eventually paves Hamilton’s path to greatness.

His personal relationships develop alongside his career, outlining the influence his wife, Eliza Schuyler, portrayed by Phillipa Soo, and her sister, Angelica Schuyler, portrayed by Renée Elise Goldsberry, had on Hamilton in his heyday. The women offer the young politician unfaltering support and fierce loyalty, but as passion, scandal and heartbreak enter their family, the sisters find themselves forced to make a choice between the man they love and the lives they deserve. Too often, history glazes over the role women played in the early years of our country’s growth. However, Miranda not only emphasizes the influence of the Schuyler sisters but also their struggle, integrity and eventual success as women in early America. The Schuyler sisters steal the show with numbers such as “Helpless” and “Satisfied,” both of which reveal the true nature of the sisters’ relationships with Hamilton. The sisters are forces to be reckoned with and pillars of their community, emulating the confidence and command of the political elite.

It is this command, this power, that is so sought after by the politicians from number to number. “History Has Its Eyes on You,” “The Room Where It Happens” and “The World Was Wide Enough” emphasize the struggle of power between the early leaders of our nation—and, more importantly, their craving to develop a free and honest country. Freedom is not only the foundation of America, but it is at the root of this musical as each politician fights to

better a country whose freedom they were willing to die for.

“Hamilton” is a work of excellence, one of brilliance and pure genius. It is brimming with passion. It hooks you and destroys you. It is unique to any production the stage has ever seen. Miranda tells history with a thorough honesty, taking into account all perspectives and details; he rewrites every textbook to leave no voice unheard.

There is a haunting sense of equality in this production, something so rarely seen in history. There is no discrimination between gender, race or even political party. Each side to every story and every conflict is presented. Sides are not taken. Even after fatally shooting Hamilton in the final event of their historic rivalry, Aaron Burr speaks out. Our leaders are presented without bias and the story of the birth of our nation is told, shedding light on both the good and the bad.

As the curtain falls on this chapter of history, the cast steps forward, together. Hamilton and George Washington link arms with the chorus members. The Schuyler sisters grab the hands of each dancer. No leading star takes a bow independently. The cast is not presented in order of prominence; the roles are equal. They come together and bow once, together: a perfect union.

Visit flyernews.com/miranda-modernizes-makes-history to listen to the music of ‘Hamilton’ as you read.

Ohio band, brothers work to evolve music, style

CARI ZAHN
Staff Writer

Two brothers, two big hearts for music and one great performance: that’s exactly what you’ll get when listening to Good Knights, a two-man duo from Springboro, Ohio. Fans of John Mayer and Ed Sheeran should especially look out for this up-and-coming band.

Joey Glaser-Atkins, 23, and Tommy Glaser-Atkins, 17, grew up with an interest in music and spent a lot of time playing instruments and learning about music

together. The brothers found there was no better way to express this life-long love than to form a band.

What started with piano recitals and open mic performances graduated to a performance at the Victoria Theatre in downtown Dayton on Jan. 23. When they were under a previous band name, the two brothers played at UD a few times and appealed to the college crowd.

The duo has been influenced greatly by strong male singer-songwriters and aspires to emulate their heroes, but their

musical style doesn’t stop at that. The brothers said their sound is constantly evolving and use an all-encompassing phrase to describe the genre to which they subscribe.

“We are acoustic R&B pop rock,” Joey Glaser-Atkins said. Their typical sound may also include some rap and even rock ‘n’ roll. Other major influences on the band’s music include the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Twenty One Pilots.

Though the two brothers have an adaptable style and sound, playing both upbeat house par-

ty music and slower coffee shop shows, they do make one promise for every show they play. When asked what fans can expect at a typical show from them, the brothers replied with “good, well-crafted music.”

While the pair gets a kick out of playing covers for their audiences, they always include original songs in every show and continue to release new music. Their first EP will feature rock, rap, pop, reggae, bluegrass and more.

Aside from playing shows and working on new music, Good Knights is working on a music

video with On The Couch Music to be released in a couple of weeks. The duo is consistently working on reaching new audiences with their music and opening doors to new opportunities, which includes booking shows. Their music can be found on the website Reverbnation, as well as local shows as they continue to grow their musical career.

For booking information, contact Joey Glaser-Atkins at joeyglaseratkins@gmail.com.

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Spring Event Guide

2016

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3

Black History Month
Celebration Dinner

5-8 PM

KU Dining Hal

FEB. 4–MARCH 21

Alefest 2016

4-7 PM

Dayton Masonic Center

FEBRUARY 5

Old Skool Groove Night

8 PM

Gelly's Jazz in Dayton

Recurs every 1st and
3rd Friday

FEBRUARY 6

Alefest 2016

4-7 PM

Dayton Masonic Center

FEBRUARY 9–14

"Rodgers + Hammerstein's
Cinderella"

Times may vary

Dayton Victoria Theatre

FEBRUARY 19

Concert for Life

6 PM

Holy Angels Parish

FEBRUARY 26

Lil Wayne and
Rae Sremmurd

7:30 PM

The Nutter Center

FEBRUARY 26 & 28

Dayton Opera's
"Otello"

Schuster Center

JANUARY

JANUARY 20

Wine Tasting

5:30 PM

Wine Gallery

Recurs every Wednesday

JANUARY 28

The Stack

7 PM

Black Box Improv

Recurs every Thursday

MARCH

MARCH 3–5

Laudato Si'– Everything
is Connected: Teaching
Pope Francis' Intrgal
Ecology

KU Ballroom

MARCH 3

Opening reception
Living Glass:
Sustaining Memory
Through Light

5-7 PM

ArtStreet Gallery 249

MARCH 8–9

Hijabi Monologues

ArtStreet's White Box
Gallery

MARCH 9

Fall Out Boy

7 PM

Wright State University

MARCH 11–12

LitFest

Marianist Commons

APRIL

TBA

Department of Fine Arts
Senior Thesis Exhibiton

U.S. Bank Arena

APRIL 5

Billy Joel

U.S. Bank Arena

APRIL 9

Dayton Dragons
Opening Day

Fifth Third Field

APRIL 19

Celebration of the Arts

Schuster Center

APRIL 20

Stander Symposium

University of Dayton

APRIL 22-24

Blue Man Group

Dayton Victoria Theatre

TBA

BarnJam

Adventures on the Great
Miami



fneditorial

HELLO...IT'S US AGAIN

When the new Flyer News staff arrived on campus in August, we promised some changes.

We redesigned our website and continually shared online-exclusive stories, while diving deeper into issues and events in print. We offered more interactive stories, with links, photo galleries and videos.

We started this spring semester by announcing the debut of our sports Twitter, @FlyerNewsSports, manned by Sports Editor Daniel Massa and his minions. Follow for live-tweets and info on all Flyer sports. We also created the breaking news editor position, which FN staffer Alise Jarmusz will take on to accommodate even more online coverage this semester.

And we're not stopping, but we can do better.

In our first editorial of the semester, we laid out our vision: we wanted—and still want—to diversify our reporting, writers and editors, ask more questions and harder questions and continue to start dialogues on campus.

Last semester, diverse voices contributed to the paper and discussed how controversial issues are handled on campus, a narrative we saw reflected on campuses across the country. We hope to continue this conversation with you and encourage others to reach out to us at flyernewseditor@gmail.com or goodmans1@udayton.edu. Whether you want a chance to say what you think or you want to see something covered, whether you want to say how well or poorly we are doing, we want to know.

Flyer News is still focused on the future. Though many members of the editorial staff will graduate in May, Flyer News is here to stay. If you want to get involved and shape the way the paper is created, now's your chance. Make your mark on campus before you have to say goodbye.

Visit flyernews.com/jobs-2/job-descriptions/ to read more about what jobs will be available next semester and what you should expect from each position. Although past Flyer News experience is a benefit, it is not required to apply. Email flyernewseditor@gmail.com to learn more.

“Let our New Year’s resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.”

—Goran Persson, 1949 - Present

Calling for a return to past US ‘motto’



LOUIS DE GRUY
Asst. Online Editor

Last week, a group from Ohio and Michigan, led by a Californian lawyer, filed suit in Akron, Ohio, against the federal government regarding the printing of the phrase “In God We Trust” on the currency of the United States. Those named as defendants in the suit are U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Eric Lew and the U.S. Congress. I’m happy that a handful of Ohioans and Michiganders (Michigese?) have found something to agree on.

The group bringing the suit, all openly atheist, claims the printing of our national motto on the currency violates constitutional separation of church and state. Because the plaintiffs regularly handle money as part of daily life, they claim that the phrase is, essentially, a government-endorsed “imposition.”

“But why don’t they just stop using money altogether then,” you say, “CHECKMATE, ATHEISTS.”

First, stop trying to talk to me through

the paper. I can’t hear you. Second, let’s back up a bit.

While I agree that a lot of this lawsuit seems immature (for example, the word “God” is written as “g-d” throughout the suit, suggesting an image of someone plugging their ears and humming loudly to drown out noise whenever someone argues with them), I think our motto is something that deserves to be considered in the proper context.

The inscription on the Seal of the United States (the flattened eagle with arrows and olive branches) reads, “E Pluribus Unum,” which means, “Out of many, one” (Romans weren’t big on punctuation). The seal hasn’t changed much since its creation in 1782, and E Pluribus Unum was considered the de facto motto of the U.S. until 1956. If you’ll remember high school history with me, the ’50s were a time when everybody wanted to be as un-Soviet as possible, and many attribute the change in motto as an attempt on the part of the U.S. to differentiate itself from atheistic communism.

Not surprisingly, the change in bleacher-chant of our country has already been challenged, along with the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. Looking at a dollar bill or hanging out at any primary or secondary school will confirm that both suits failed, but it’s interesting to note why they failed.

In the original 1970 case that challenged “In God We Trust,” *Aronow v. United States*, the court ruled the motto has “no theological or ritualistic impact.” Building off this, the Supreme Court stated in 2004’s *Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow* (which challenged “under God” in the pledge of allegiance) said both phrases had lost “any significant religious content” through “rote repetition.”

So, here we have two court opinions from two very different time periods that essentially say the same thing: The inclusion of these phrases is meaningless. I mean, outside of a “National Treasure” film, how often have you given serious thought to what’s on our currency?

I bring all this up only to say this: I really don’t care that there’s a mention of God in our motto, nor would I care if any other deity was mentioned. Honestly, I think we should consider what our currency says about us. What I do care about is that our motto was adopted as a result of our own fears during the Red Scare (a time before Flyer sports as we know them). We allowed ourselves to be manipulated, intentionally or not, by our rivals, and our current motto reflects that. I view it as a mark of shame that we foolishly stamp on everything we can, and I think we should reclaim our original motto.

WORD ON THE STREET

For all responses, visit flyernews.com/word-on-the-street.

What is the role of UD police on campus?



“To keep us safe and make sure nothing bad happens.”

CORRIE SHESHULL
Sophomore
Early Childhood Education



“To make sure that...anybody working on campus or comes on campus is protected and safe.”

DIXIE JACKSON
Employee
University of Dayton



“To basically keep our students safe, maintain the community and any problems that may arise, but also updating students.”

SARAH WRAY
Junior
Early Childhood Education



“To keep people safe...make sure us college kids have fun, but not a little too much fun.”

MATT MADDEN
Sophomore
Political Science and Spanish



“To protect us and watch out for us.”

ANDREW HARBACH
Senior
Chemical Engineering

Writer argues, marches for pro-life

STEVE MILLER
Staff Writer

Dozens of University of Dayton students were set to travel to Washington, D.C., this past weekend to attend the March for Life, but winter storm Jonas had other plans. Despite not making the trek through feet of snow, I still want to take this opportunity to examine the meaning of the pro-life movement in solidarity with those who made the pilgrimage.

It’s funny to me that the pro-life movement is one of the more controversial and taboo social efforts of American society, where freedom seems to be upheld between the fuzzy lines of birth and death. It’s sad that when nearly a million citizens congregate to give witness to the truth in our nation’s capital that the most powerful people in this country turn a harsh cold shoulder. But what do I know? What does any radical, bible-thumping social conservative on the wrong side of history know?

That, to me, is the beauty of the pro-life movement.

It turns out that the pro-life cause is not about winning arguments, defunding federal programs or taking rights away from anyone. It’s simply about saving lives and letting the truth shine. For as long as Christians have existed they’ve been on the “wrong side of history.” But they’ve kept fighting. They’ve

been persecuted and slaughtered by the world’s most powerful empires, yet have withstood 2,000 years of evolving civilization.

This sort of historical perspective makes being pro-life worthwhile. Because even if the end of our fight isn’t in sight, even if no “powerful” person in our country agrees with us, there’s an ardent conviction among pro-lifers that being a voice for the voiceless is indeed a noble

their faculties, the sanctity of life still exists. The right to life does not depend on location, physical or mental abilities, financial circumstances or any other finite qualities this world can throw our way. And yes, these truths are hard, inconvenient, unpopular and often painful.

Life, unfortunately, works that way. But nowhere in history has a problem been solved by unjustly depriving a person of his or her rights

of pro-lifers is something that you won’t hear from the media or politicians; it’s a vibrancy that must be experienced.

I’m saddened that the pro-life/pro-abortion issue in this country has largely been degraded to a political one.

As Jacques Clouseau masterfully put it, politics is “where greed wears the mask of morality,” and issues of life and death are far too import-

arguments, as you well know, are not won and lost in Facebook comment sections. They’re rarely even decided in Congress or the courts. Being a witness to the truth is far more valuable than having a way with words. Upholding the sanctity of life in our personal actions and words will help show others its true value.

Maybe someday people will start to wonder why hundreds of thousands of students travel across the country each year only to have their rallying cries fall on the deaf ears of politicians. Maybe someone will have a change of heart when they see a gaggle of people peacefully praying outside an abortion clinic. And maybe, just maybe, the inalienable right to life will once again be extended to each person in our society from conception to natural death.

My ultimate hope is that I can be a part of that change, and you can be too. Countless generations of Christians have fought—and even died—for unpopular beliefs that eventually trumped the lies of this world. The pro-life movement is the modern manifestation of that ancient duel, and it won’t fizzle without a fight.

If you want to share your opinion, email Opinions Editor Steven Goodman at goodmans1@udayton.edu.

“The right to life does not depend on location, physical or mental abilities, financial circumstances or any other finite qualities this world can throw our way. And yes, these truths are hard, inconvenient, unpopular and often painful.”

fight that is necessary to bring to the forefront of our culture.

Being pro-life is being in support of all life. That’s men, women, children, unborn children, youths and geriatrics alike. It’s about protecting the most vulnerable in our society from womb to tomb. The key to it all, though, is understanding and upholding the sanctity of life even when it is unpopular, uncomfortable or undesired.

When a financially-burdened single mother is expecting a child or when an ailing grandparent loses

and distorting the natural order of the world.

Taking these sufferings and inconveniences is something the pro-life movement does with joy each Jan. 22 at the March for Life. Frequently in hostile weather, the faithful from all corners of the country flock to D.C. to give witness to the beauty of life. Making that pilgrimage is hard and uncomfortable, but the joy of life can trump that inconvenience—just as it can with any sorrow.

That joy and stalwart conviction

ant for power-hungry bureaucrats to control. It’s laughable that the right to life can be debated like an economic policy or denied if five of nine appointed officials deem it deniable.

This is one of the most frustrating parts of being pro-life. Even if the right-minded people are elected to office in this nation and the right legislation gets passed, countless lives can still be extinguished while the hurdles of the legislative and judicial systems are overcome.

So what can we do? Political

UD buys new president’s mansion, sells mansion

ANDREW KOERNER
Alumnus, Class of 2015

On Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, the University of Dayton announced the purchase of a residence in Oakwood for incoming president Eric Spina and all future presidents. The \$1.55 million home, which sits on 1.3 acres and includes a small guest house and tennis court, was purchased to adapt to a growing trend among Catholic universities. The idea behind this is to eliminate housing allowances. As of Monday, that home was put back on the market.

Steve Cobb, chair of UD’s board of trustees, was reached for comment: “Although UD does not take possession of the property until March, this past month has been more than enough time for us to realize that we’ve made a terrible decision. We previously believed that this house reflected the university’s welcoming nature and could be served as a means to celebrate the wondrous communities that make up our campus. That environment can never exist in a home that isn’t built from the ground up in orange- and sand-colored brick.

“Look at Kennedy Union,” Cobb continued. “The very heart of the student body exists

in those walls. Students love that building from the inside and out. It starts with the ocean of orange that welcomes you at each and every door. And why would we need to add the elegance of an Oakwood manor to the student experience when they already have the sheer beauty that is the Kennedy Union Ballroom? Don’t all of these kids think they live in a ghetto anyway?”

Despite selling the property, the university plans to purchase a new presidential home. Current President Daniel Curran took time away from his weekly croquet match atop Kettering Tower to discuss the future: “Our capital budget is over \$40 million. We can get something better than that hideous gray castle. I could buy this tower if I wanted to. I just don’t want to.”

Some speculate that the new home will be much closer to campus than the previous home. Several employees of the University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI) have reportedly been relocated to the basement of the establishment on South Patterson Boulevard and have reported that the top floor over has been cleared out over the past week. Conrad Borozan, an engineer in the aerospace mechanics division, claims to

have seen the action first hand.

“They’re animals!” he exclaimed, “They chained me up and hung me upside down from a tower of old cash registers for hours! They laughed and pointed their laser distance measurers in my eyes until I vomited. Then they took their rolled up blue prints and pretended I was a pinata!”

As for what will become of the Oakwood property, it is possible that UD may still come to own it in March. “If no one picks it up, we plan to reach out to the Sigma Chi Iota Theta Chapter,” President Curran said. “We are a Marianist institution, after all, and wish to practice forgiveness and inclusivity.”

Editor’s note: This article is satirical. The home in Oakwood is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

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Poland's recent censorship reveals flawed democracy



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Back in November, Poland's Law and Justice Party (in Polish, abbreviated as PiS) won 235 seats in the nation's lower house and 61 seats in its Senate, as well as having control of the country's presidency. This would normally be a standard change of government, with one party gaining an outright majority in the national parliament. However, the national-conservative PiS has been turning heads in its first three months in office.

With its center of power in the rural east of the country, The Guardian describes the PiS's ideals as "an old-fashioned authoritarian nationalism, invoking traditional Catholic values." In the three months that it has ruled, in addition to stating that Poland is in no hurry to adopt the Euro, the party has proceeded to nationalize control of media

outlets by replacing editors of major state-owned media outlets and additionally appointing a plethora of new judges sympathetic to its nationalistic message.

PiS has pushed the country back into the past, which many in the more metropolitan west would rather leave buried in history. According to Deutsche Welle (DW), the PiS lacks the 2/3 majority necessary to directly alter the constitution, but with the Treasury Minister using the right to appoint media heads, DW claims these leaders are pushing the limits of what representative democracy could allow. On Saturday, Jan. 9, citizens of Warsaw protested in the center of the city to express their fury at the government, attempting to make a statement that actions against the freedom of the press are not to be accepted. This protest and those opposing the recent censorship mark the minority however.

The leaders of Europe are divided on exactly how to respond to this apparent challenge to the EU founding constitution. The EU commission, a body with one representative from each member state designed to draft European law, has launched an investigation into whether or not the new rules

are a "threat to democracy," as reported by The Telegraph. President of the European Council Donald Tusk (a native of Poland) has called the legitimacy of the complaints into question. As such, he has blocked the debate of it in the council, which prevents this previously unused measure from actually restricting Polish voting rights in the EU. The decision to

the recent actions taken by their government, shouldn't the international community? The answer is far simpler than one may think.

It is a natural and blunt "no." Poland has become one of the rallying nations of the former Soviet bloc as an example of how to effectively run a liberal democracy in a nation that had not experienced one since 1939.

national institutions by whose morals it has agreed to abide.

Should the EU allow the Polish government to set this precedent of altering the definition of "freedom of the press" simply because they are now in the majority when this functionally means there are no rights for anyone in any minority? This debate is not something that is easy to

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initialize this procedure has led to a row between the PiS supporters and the EU leadership. Political cartoons depicting EU leaders as Nazis have surfaced in Poland, against these international groups attempting to protect the constitutional institutions that guard liberal ideas such as freedom of speech and of the press. This certainly leaves any opinions on the topic seemingly at a loss. After all, if the majority of Poles support

The Solidarity Movement, which brought about the democratization of Poland, became an example for other Eastern European nations wishing to move in similar directions, many of whom are now full members of both the EU and NATO. One of the core principles of any democracy must be the absolute rule of constitutional law, which includes natural freedoms established by the nation-state and any supra-

convince people of; oftentimes, for reasons of security, many will attempt to rationalize the lessening of the extent of certain freedoms and rights, but that can't be allowed. If rights are negotiable, then they are not rights. And if the majority can decide to remove rights from the minority, then they are most certainly not rights.

Columnist: We are losing the 'war on terror'



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It's easy to label the "war on terror" as a bunch of B.S. For the last 15 years, trillions of dollars have been spent, there have been thousands of casualties, and it seems as if it will never end. According to a Gallup poll conducted from Jan. 6-10, terrorism was considered the third most important problem facing the United States behind dissatisfaction with the government and the state of the economy. Defeating ISIS, though, was tied for ninth place. Does that come as a surprise, though? Not at all. However, that needs to move up on the list of concerns. Why? We're losing.

The FBI defines terrorism as "violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that violate federal or state law; appear to be intended (i) to intimidate or coerce a civil-

"It's easy to be apathetic about it. These groups are based thousands of miles away, but their actions can hit us right here at home."

ian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping."

Everyone has their own opinions on resolving terrorism. Whether it be gun control, limiting immigration or going to war, at the end of the day, embracing the "war on terror" both at home and overseas is a common value for the candidates—whether it be against domestic psychopaths or radical Islamic jihadists.

And the United States presidential election is no doubt heating up. So far, we have witnessed six Republican and four Democratic debates. Both parties have radically different views on a plethora of issues, but there is one thing all the front-runners can agree on: We should be fighting terrorism and defeating ISIS. For example, on the right,

Donald Trump's solution is "bombing the s---t out of them" and Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) wants "boots on the ground." On the left, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) wants an international coalition to take on ISIS and Hillary Clinton wants social media companies to be help stop terrorist networking and recruiting.

It was in Anthony Talbott's, Ph.D., global politics class my very first semester freshman year when I truly embraced the stance on how the "war on terrorism" was and is a joke. He explained how the United States didn't declare war on another country, but an ideology and worldview: radical Islam. He compared it to our country's "war on drugs," and he is completely right. This ideology will never go away no matter what. No matter how troops are deployed to fight these jihadists, their beliefs and teachings will be passed on to the next generation.

However, I've become a "flip-flopper" since then due to how it has personally affected me. My older brother witnessed the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, 2013. My dad witnessed the shootings and bombings from his hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Jan. 14, 2016. I'm thankful to God their lives were spared. If my brother was a few hundred feet closer and if my dad was out on the streets...they'd be dead.

I'm thankful my family members were not killed or physically injured, but I'll admit those were the most emotionally disturbing times of my life. I'm not telling you this because I want my fellow pupils and professors to feel sorry for me. I'm telling you this because we are losing the "war on terror."

Just re-read the definition and think of the billions of people around the world who are harmed by these heinous acts. I

believe we should do everything we can to defeat terrorist groups like ISIS, al-Qaida, Boko Haram and all the other sinister gangs in the world. It might mean raising taxes and cutting back on social welfare, but I truly believe the United States should continue to engage in this war rather than just arm the rebels and develop strategies for others to fight. We have the strongest military in the world, and with that power comes responsibility. Think of those men, women and children in Iraq and Syria who are living in a state of fear all the time. Think of the refugees fleeing through Europe. I truly believe we have all the resources necessary to eradicate radical Islam.

It's easy to be apathetic about it. These groups are based thousands of miles away, but their actions can hit us right here at home. No matter who is elected president, I hope as Commander-in-Chief, he or she leads us to victory against terrorism. If ISIS and other radical Islam continue to terrorize the world, it's our fault. As the great scientist Albert Einstein said, "The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything."

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Family of deceased player makes \$1.2 million donation

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The Dayton volleyball team was rewarded after a successful season by one of the largest donations in the history of the program. Lori Hausfeld, of Springboro, donated \$1.2 million to the program that means so much to her.

In 2010, Lori's daughter Kacie, and husband Tom, lost their lives to a plane crash near the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport.

Kacie Hausfeld was a setter for the Flyers and played for three seasons from 2007-2009. She was a starter for her last two seasons on the team and recorded seven assists per set and 51 aces in those two years.

Lori Hausfeld felt it was important to give back to the program that meant so much to her daughter.

"The Dayton volleyball program holds a special place in my heart," Hausfeld said in a press release announcing the donation. "It was Kacie's second family. The program supported and comforted our family during triumph and tragedy. My family and I feel this is the best way to honor Kacie and her memory."

Although Kacie's passing was close to six years ago and none of the current Flyers were given the opportunity to play on the same team



The Frericks Center, home to the Dayton volleyball program, will benefit from renovations made possible by a donation from the Hausfeld family. Kacie Hausfeld was a member of the volleyball team when she and her father died in a plane crash in 2010. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

as her, they work their hardest to honor her legacy every season.

"In working with Lori and her daughter Ali on this project I became keenly aware of the importance to remember and honor Kacie and Tom through our volleyball program," Dayton head coach Tim Horsmon said. Horsmon recruited Hausfeld to the program during his first stint as head coach.

One way her impact is still felt by the team is through the Kacie Hausfeld Teammate Award. This award is presented annually to a player who is a great teammate, leader

and companion. The player who is honored with this award is someone who is constantly encouraging her teammates and genuinely cares about their success.

"The teammate award means a lot. Kacie was known for being a great teammate and always thinking of others so it says a lot about your character if you do receive that award and it's a big honor to receive," sophomore setter Maggie Schutter told Flyer News.

Sophomore setter Jane Emmenecker received the award this past season.

"Hearing how great of a teammate she was gives me someone to look up to," Emmenecker said. "Hearing stories about what she did to make the program better is awesome and it makes me feel very privileged that I received the award in her honor."

As well as presenting the teammate award, the Flyers host a home game each year when they play in her honor, wearing ribbons with her name on it.

But that isn't the only game of the season when the team works to honor Kacie. Kacie is remembered every time the Flyers set foot on the court.

"She was a setter, so every game we

always huddle up in [the] right back [position], because that's where the setter's position is, just to remember her and all that she did for us," Schutter said.

The team plans to use this generous donation to renovate Frericks Center with a new team lounge, additional lower level seating for fans, a new sound system, upgraded graphics and technology upgrades, according to the release.

"Now we will be able to expand Frericks to be a better and more special place to play," Emmenecker said. "I think it will help the program with bringing in a wider variety of recruits. The new technology and gym will spark some interest in possible prospects."

This donation is going to play a huge role in the team recruiting process and serve as an advantage during home games in the future.

"The next generation of Flyers will get to experience a premier facility that is continuing to evolve into not only one of the best in the country, but one that will hold special meaning to our program and Flyer family," Horsmon said. "We want to thank the generous donation of Lori and her family to make this happen."

Kacie Hausfeld left a great impact on the Flyer community and her influence continues to grow today.

Several wild games highlight NFL playoffs; Super Bowl teams set

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After 20 consecutive weeks that amassed 255 games, the National Football League has narrowed the field down to two teams who will partake in what is the pinnacle matchup of the football season, the Super Bowl.

One of the most notable games in the first round of the playoffs was the Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks matchup. The Vikings' only points came off of the foot of kicker Blair Walsh in the form of three field goals, but, down by one with the game on the line, Walsh failed to execute a potential game-winning field goal, as the Vikings walked off the field with a sour taste in their mouth, losing 10-9.

The other NFC wildcard game featured another NFC North team as the Green Bay Packers took on the Washington Redskins. After a dismal first quarter, the Packers worked their way back and cruised to a 35-18 upset victory.

On the AFC side, the Kansas City Chiefs throttled the Houston Texans,

putting up 30 points on the scoreboard all the while not allowing the Texans to even sniff the end zone, as they were shutout at home.

The other side featured an AFC North rivalry showdown as the Pittsburgh Steelers faced off against the Cincinnati Bengals. The Bengals, looking for their first playoff win after eight previous failed attempts, imploded in the clutch. After a costly Jeremy Hill fumble late in the fourth quarter and two consecutive personal fouls, the Steelers kicker, Chris Boswell, set up shop, and unlike the Vikings game, the laces were out and the kick was true as it sailed through the uprights for an 18-16 Steelers victory.

So after four upsets, one would expect to see another one. That would not be the case, as the Broncos, Patriots, Panthers and Cardinals, the one and two seeds in each conference, all went on to win their games in the divisional round.

The Super Bowl-bound Denver Broncos started their journey after their first round bye, going head-to-

head against a depleted Steelers squad. The Broncos were down 13-12 going into the fourth quarter but caught a break after forcing a Steelers turnover. Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning then drove them down to the one yard line where running back C.J. Anderson capped it all off as he plunged in on the goal line. Denver held on to the lead and beat Pittsburgh 23-16 to move on to the AFC Championship Game.

The Patriots came into their matchup against the Kansas City Chiefs with a pretty simple game plan: get tight end Rob Gronkowski the ball. Gronkowski could do no wrong that night, as the Chiefs could simply not contain him. Gronkowski scored twice as the Patriots went on to beat the Chiefs, 27-20, and set up another playoff matchup between Manning and Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady.

The Panthers-Seahawks NFC divisional game was a tale of two halves. The Panthers had the better of the first half, storming out to a 31-0 halftime lead. However, against all odds, the Seahawks mounted what

would have been a historic comeback, but they fell just short as they could only muster up 24 points, falling to the Panthers 31-24.

The Packers and Cardinals created an instant classic in the Cardinals' thrilling 26-20 overtime victory. Just as he did during the regular season against the Detroit Lions, Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers launched a heroic Hail Mary as the clock struck zeros, sending the game into overtime. That's as far as the Packers got, however, as the Cardinals struck early in overtime ending all of the Packers' hope for a comeback.

Now, with all upper seeds winning, the conference championships featured both the number one and two seeds on respective sides, and just like the divisional round, both the higher seeds came out victorious.

The Broncos-Patriots AFC Championship showdown also featured a comeback attempt that came up just short. A failed two-point attempt snuffed out any possible Patriots comeback victory as the

Broncos held on to win 20-18.

On the NFC side, the Panthers-Cardinals game started off similar to the Panthers game against the Seahawks, as the Panthers came out guns blazing on its way to a 27-7 first half lead. However, the Panthers learned from last week's game, as they kept the foot on the gas in the second half and punched their Super Bowl ticket with a 49-15 victory.

And just like that, we are faced now with only two teams in the winner-take-all game of the year. On one side, a young, streaking and electric Carolina Panthers team propelled by its multi-talented savvy quarterback Cam Newton, and on the other side a veteran, tough-nosed Denver Broncos team quarterbacked by the seasoned vet, future Hall of Famer Peyton Manning.

In a game of new school versus old age, Super Bowl 50 will provide plenty of excitement as the two battle it out, and if it's anything like these previous games, expect some eye popping big plays from both sides.

COLUMN: MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Midwest figures to make big impact on 2016 MLB season

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At this point in the winter, we are closer to Major League Baseball's Opening Day than to the final out of the 2015 World Series. Most free agents have found their homes for 2016, and as the dust settles, it's clear that America's Midwest boasts the bulk of baseball's talent.

For the world champion Kansas City Royals to repeat as American League pennant winners for the third consecutive season, they will have to overcome perhaps baseball's most competitive division. In fact, both the American and National League Central divisions reeled in top talent this offseason from the free agent market, and both will be hot battlegrounds for the 2016 title.

On the AL side, KC's biggest threat is likely the Detroit Tigers, who have signed two superior free agents. Starting pitcher Jordan Zimmermann agreed to a five-year contract with Detroit after spending his first seven seasons with the Washington Nationals. If Zimmermann and fellow starters Justin Verlander and Anibal Sanchez perform near their career averages, Detroit's rotation will undoubtedly be among the best in the game.

The Tigers also inked outfield

slugger Justin Upton to a six-year deal. Upton, who spent 2015 with the San Diego Padres, has hit at least 26 home runs in each of his past three seasons and was one of the top free agent bats this offseason. He'll protect former Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera in the batting order, creating a lethal one-two punch.

In Chicago, the White Sox patched some infield holes by trading for third baseman Todd Frazier, a former Cincinnati Red, and second baseman Brett Lawrie, formerly of the Oakland A's. Frazier hit a career-high 35 home runs in 2015 for Cincinnati and was the Home Run Derby champion. Lawrie also recorded career highs in home runs, 16, and games played, 149, last season.

The Cleveland Indians led the division in ERA in 2015 with ace pitcher Corey Kluber winning just nine games along the way. If Kluber returns to anywhere near his 2014 Cy Young form, the staff overall will be even better off. Right-hander Carlos Carrasco showed flashes of brilliance, winning a career-high 14 games in 2015, and together with Kluber, will anchor the rotation this year.

Offensively, the Indians did not make any drastic improvements, so scoring runs may again be a problem

for Cleveland, who finished 18th in the league in that category last season.

After narrowly missing out on a postseason berth last year, the Minnesota Twins made their presence felt on the free agent market by signing Korean designated hitter Byung Ho Park. Park was highly-touted in South Korea's KBO League, hitting 50 home runs in consecutive seasons (2014-2015).

Kansas City took care of a major priority by re-signing outfielder Alex Gordon to a four-year contract this offseason. Gordon has been a cornerstone of the Royals' recent surge to greatness and is adored in Kansas City. The Royals, however, did lose infielder Ben Zobrist and starting pitcher Johnny Cueto to free agency. Both Zobrist and Cueto were key pieces to the Royals' 2015 World Series victory.

As long as Miguel Cabrera has been in the Motor City, I have really liked Detroit's chances, but they've yet to win a World Series with their current core. Upton and Zimmermann may just be the keys to push them over the hump and give Detroit a championship, so I'll pick them to win the division in the way-too-early predictions.

The National League Central will once again be among the best

divisions in baseball—it did boast three of the NL's six postseason teams in 2015. With Cincinnati and the Milwaukee Brewers both in full rebuild mode, this will once again be a three-team race among possibly the best three teams in the league.

The St. Louis Cardinals, Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago Cubs finished one through three respectively in the league in earned run average last season.

The Cardinals blew away the rest of the competition with a 2.94 team ERA during the regular season's 162 games. St. Louis will benefit from ace Adam Wainwright returning to the rotation for the full season after he missed the majority of 2015 due to an injury to his Achilles tendon.

St. Louis' major losses, though, were Chicago's gains. Starting pitcher John Lackey and outfielder Jason Heyward both signed deals with the Cubs, further improving the roster that defeated the Cardinals in the 2015 National League Division Series.

The Cubs weren't speculated to be postseason-ready until 2016 anyway, so adding Heyward to a lineup that already features some of the game's most versatile power hitters in Kris Bryant, Jorge Soler, Javier Baez, Kyle Schwarber and Anthony Rizzo makes the team that much more dangerous.

Lackey joins a rotation of 2015 NL Cy Young winner Jake Arrieta and left-handed ace Jon Lester, who will certainly rival St. Louis' for the best staff in the league.

Pittsburgh added to its pitching rotation by signing starter Ryan Vogelsong and trading for Jon Niese. The Pirates took a hit offensively, though, losing first baseman Pedro Alvarez to free agency. Pittsburgh lost the 2015 NL Wild Card Game to the Cubs, but have made the postseason three consecutive seasons. Getting back in 2016 will obviously be a tall task, but the Pirates, led by center fielder Andrew McCutchen, still have the roster to contend.

It's hard to pick against the Cubs, who won 97 regular season games in 2015 and defeated the Cardinals in the playoffs. Unless a sizeable part of its young roster regresses as the rest of the league gets more scouting opportunities, Chicago has only gotten better. But St. Louis has been the cream of the National League for the past decade, and is notorious for turning prospects into studs overnight.

Baseball's long, arduous season often makes spring power rankings look foolish, but the central divisions certainly have some captivating storylines going into 2016.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Flyers look to turn things around after latest road win

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The Dayton Flyers women's basketball team has gone through a series of ups and downs so far this season.

The Flyers racked up some impressive nonconference wins, but then followed those with a tough start to the Atlantic 10 Conference season, where they sit at 2-5. The Flyers were on a four-game losing streak until they won their contest against St. Joseph's Sunday.

The Flyers have gone through a lot of adversity this season, dealing with mounting injuries to key players and tough, close losses. Dayton started the season 6-1, with wins over Wisconsin, Vanderbilt and Louisville.

In their win against Toledo on Dec. 2, the Flyers lost one of their best players in senior guard Kelley Austria. She tore her ACL and is done for the season. Since that game, the

Flyers have gone 3-8. That can't only be contributed to the loss of Austria, but also to injuries to other key players, such as senior guard Amber Deane, who hasn't played since the Flyers' loss to Gonzaga on Dec. 11.

The Flyers have had to do a lot of shuffling to their lineups since there has been a steady flow of injuries. Head coach Jim Jabir has had to rely on some young players and some veterans on the team, some of which have had to take on a new role.

The Flyers have used seven different starting lineups this season. Young players such as freshman guard Lauren Cannatelli and sophomore guard Jenna Burdette have upped their scoring since the loss of their two veteran guards. It hasn't been just the young players that have stepped up, but also some of the juniors and seniors too, like senior center Jodie Cornelie-Sigmundova and junior center Saicha Grant-Allen. It will take a whole team effort to turn the season around and get back on track,

to hopefully make a run towards the postseason.

In the Flyers' two most recent games they split the results, one win and one loss. The loss went the same way many of the losses have gone this year, and that's been with a Flyers leading most the game, but not being able to hang on at the end, losing a close one to St. Bonaventure at home 59-54. Jabir clearly wasn't happy after his team's fourth straight loss on the season.

"I'm crushed, utterly disappointed in our team," Jabir said after the loss last Wednesday. "Our lack of competitiveness down the stretch when we needed it was nonexistent, and everything I asked them to do, they did the opposite. This is starting to become a habit for us and this is getting old."

Jabir stressed the importance of competing for the game's entire 40 minutes.

"We compete for 38 minutes and then we stop and we hope it's enough

to win," Jabir said.

The Flyers must have received the message that their coach sent them, as they went on the road on Sunday and beat Saint Joseph's, 71-61.

Cannatelli, who scored a career-high 24 points, led the Flyers in scoring. Grant-Allen and Cornelie-Sigmundova added 17 and 12 points, respectively.

The Flyers led the majority of the game and were able to hang on at the end and close out the victory. The win moves the Flyers to 9-9 on the season and 2-5 in league play. Dayton has nine more regular season games left until the Atlantic 10 Tournament, and the Flyers will look to use this most recent win as momentum to carry themselves the rest of the season and maybe go on a run and make some noise in postseason play.

Dayton's next game is Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. on the road against La Salle, where the Flyers will look to win their second consecutive game away from UD Arena.



Freshman guard Lauren Cannatelli (#24) looks on as teammate sophomore forward JaVonna Layfield fights for a rebound Jan. 10 against George Washington. The Flyers lost 62-61. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

UD ARENA

University explores potential upgrades to UD Arena

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As the University of Dayton Arena approaches its 50th year in operation, Vice President/Director of Athletics Neil Sullivan announced on Jan. 8 that the athletic department would conduct a feasibility study to explore options for updating the building.

The arena will turn 50 in 2019. The last large-scale renovation occurred in 2002 and included the creation of the Time Warner Cable Flight Deck and updates to pre-existing suites and loge seating areas. The Donohue Basketball Center, which is connected to the arena and houses both teams' locker and training facilities, underwent a \$4 million renovation last year.

"This is the first step, in a long-



UD Arena, shown earlier this year during a men's basketball game, will turn 50 years old in 2019. A feasibility study announced earlier this month will examine the possibilities for renovating the home of UD men's and women's basketball. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

term process, to provide future generations of students, alums, and friends of the University a first-class experience, and continue to use UD Arena as an asset for the entire campus and Dayton community," Sullivan said in a press release announcing the study

According to the press release,

the study may focus initially on improvements to the concourses and bowl seating areas.

"Now is the time to examine the concourses and bowl area of the Arena which have not had substantial upgrades since it was built," Sullivan said.

UD has partnered with

consulting firm Conventions, Sports and Leisure International (CSLI) for the study.

A 10-to-15 minute survey was sent via email to fans for their input on what they believe to be the most pressing aspects of the arena that need to be updated.

"We need and value your

insight as we study this project," Sullivan wrote in the email. "Your participation is critical as the direct-market feedback is essential to evaluate the level of support for various seating options, fan amenities, and other areas of arena improvements."

The survey included artists' renderings of potential upgrades both inside and out. As it is very early in the process, any plans are subject to change.

The arena currently boasts a 13,455 seat capacity, and the men's basketball program has finished in the top 30 in the NCAA in home attendance for 17 consecutive years. The arena has also hosted more NCAA Tournament games than any other venue (109), and the tournament has begun in Dayton every year since 2001 with the creation of the play-in game that evolved into the First Four.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Flyers rebound after La Salle loss, hold second place in A-10

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With late-December home wins over Furman (70-50), Miami of Ohio (64-63) and Arkansas (85-81 in overtime), the Dayton men's basketball team (16-3, 6-1 Atlantic 10) entered conference play with a 10-2 record and remained on the cusp of earning a spot among the top 25 teams in the nation.

Following their conference opening 66-58 win at Duquesne on Jan. 2, the Flyers garnered a No. 25 ranking in The Associated Press Top 25, the program's first ranking of the 2015-16 season.

However, the program's familiar struggles while playing as a ranked team resurfaced less than a week after the recognition. Dayton first took care of business at home, dismantling Massachusetts 93-63 on Jan. 6. Six Flyers scored in double-figures against the Minutemen, led by redshirt junior guard Charles Cooke, who had 18 points and four rebounds.

Three days later, however, the team traveled to Philadelphia to face the La Salle Explorers, who were mired in a seven-game losing streak and had only seven available scholarship players at the time. La Salle came away with a 61-57 victory over the Flyers, dropping Dayton to 12-3 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

La Salle employed a slow-paced strategy to help offset its lack of depth, often holding the ball on offense until the shot clock showed single-digits before running a play. The strategy worked, flustering Dayton on both ends of the floor. The Flyers shot a season-low 31 percent from the field, including 28 percent from 3-point range, while La Salle was more effective, shooting 43.5 percent. Dayton also missed eight free throws.

UD has rattled off four straight wins since the La Salle loss, including two home wins over conference contenders Davidson (80-74) and George Washington (77-70) in the same week, a road win at St. Bonaventure (85-79) in which Dayton led by as many as 31 points, and most recently a 64-50 win at Fordham on Sunday. Head coach Archie Miller's squad still boasts a solid 16-3 record and sits in second place in conference play,



Senior forward Dyshawn Pierre returned to the men's basketball team Dec. 30 after serving a university suspension during the first semester. Dayton has gone 7-1 since his return. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

one game back of VCU.

As is evident in the team's play since the loss to La Salle, Miller did not let the loss affect the Flyers' focus going forward. If anything, it helped sharpen the team's future efforts.

"We could also not have won the last three games if it weren't for La Salle, and I think you've got to take the silver lining," Miller said Thursday prior to the Fordham game. "I think La Salle is a game that we took a hard lesson from of being together and playing the right way, and I think that's what we've been stressing the most since we returned. I think we've played some pretty consistent ball, offensively sharing it and defensively playing really hard. We just have to sustain it for longer stretches."

In his fifth year at the helm of the Dayton program, and fifth year coaching in the Atlantic 10, Miller is used to the challenges conference play can pose.

"I think it's been off to a regular competitive league," Miller said of the conference one-third of the way through the conference season. "I think through the first six [games] right now it's been what we've expected, very competitive."

Dayton was already in a good position nearing the end of nonconference play, and was able to add one of its best players at

the end of 2015. Senior forward Dyshawn Pierre returned to the team for the second semester after serving a university suspension first semester stemming from a sexual assault allegation against him. He made his season debut against Arkansas on Dec. 30, playing 33 minutes and scoring 11 points in the win.

"We're getting better, and I think part of it is Dyshawn is getting more comfortable with his teammates and he's getting his legs under him," Miller said.

Through eight games, Pierre is averaging 14 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game in 32.8 minutes per game.

"A-10 play so far, it's been good," senior forward Dyshawn Pierre said. "We've been doing really well so far, but obviously that one loss to La Salle kind of stings. I think everyone felt like we shouldn't have lost that game. We had a meeting after that La Salle game [that] kind of cleared the air and [declared] that it was a new season from now on. Just take it game by game."

Dayton will play its next two games at home, starting Wednesday against the Saint Louis Billikens at 7 p.m. The Flyers will then get a chance for revenge when La Salle comes to town on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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